

JOSEPH FILES.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 405.]

MARCH 19, 1860.

Mr. STOKES, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

R E P O R T .

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Files, report :*

That having had the case under consideration, they find that the petitioner was a private in the company of Captain James E. Stewart, of the Baltimore battalion, in 1846, in the Mexican war, and that he was wounded in the left arm, which was amputated in consequence ; he also received a severe wound in the groin, at Monterey. He is now drawing a pension at the rate of eight dollars per month, under the act of 1847. He now prays that his pension be increased ; that the amount now received is insufficient to support himself and family. The proofs show that he is totally disabled. He asks to be placed upon equal footing with Albert Hart, of the same company, who met with a similar loss at the same time ; that an act was passed August 16, 1856, increasing the pension of said Hart to \$16 per month during his life. Your committee concur in the opinion that, in view of the nature of his services, the severity and extent of his injuries, and the precedent of a former Congress, the prayer of the petitioner should be granted, and therefore report a bill placing his name on the pension rolls at the rate of \$16 per month from the present time, and recommend its passage.

